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1. The penicillin factory at Roztoky (051/L79) will not be able to produce any penicillin in the near future because the factory is too small to house the machinery and because of a lack of trained staff members and technical personnel. Specialists and engineers who were originally hired to man the plant were, for the most part, discharged for political unreliability in February 1948.

2. Contradicting this report is information that the factory is already producing 10 billion units of penicillin and small quantities of streptomycin each month. The streptomycin is used only for research.
3. Only one vat is in operation because corn starch is in short supply and the sodium glycolate is unsatisfactory. Forty pounds of sodium glycolate are received monthly from the United Pharmaceutical Works as well as 100 pounds of sulphasalicylic acid and 100 pounds of salicylic acid.
4. Operation and output of the plant are the direct responsibility of the National Health Ministry. Security precautions are rigidly enforced and it is almost impossible to enter the factory unless one is actually employed there.
5. Managing director of the plant is Dr. Skola, a friend of Premier Zapotocky. Production director is Ing. Herold, who was a former employee of the United Pharmaceutical Works, and the technical director is Ing. Kabatek. Twenty-two employees are directly engaged in production of the penicillin.

Encl: Photograph of the Roztoky penicillin plant and environs.*

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